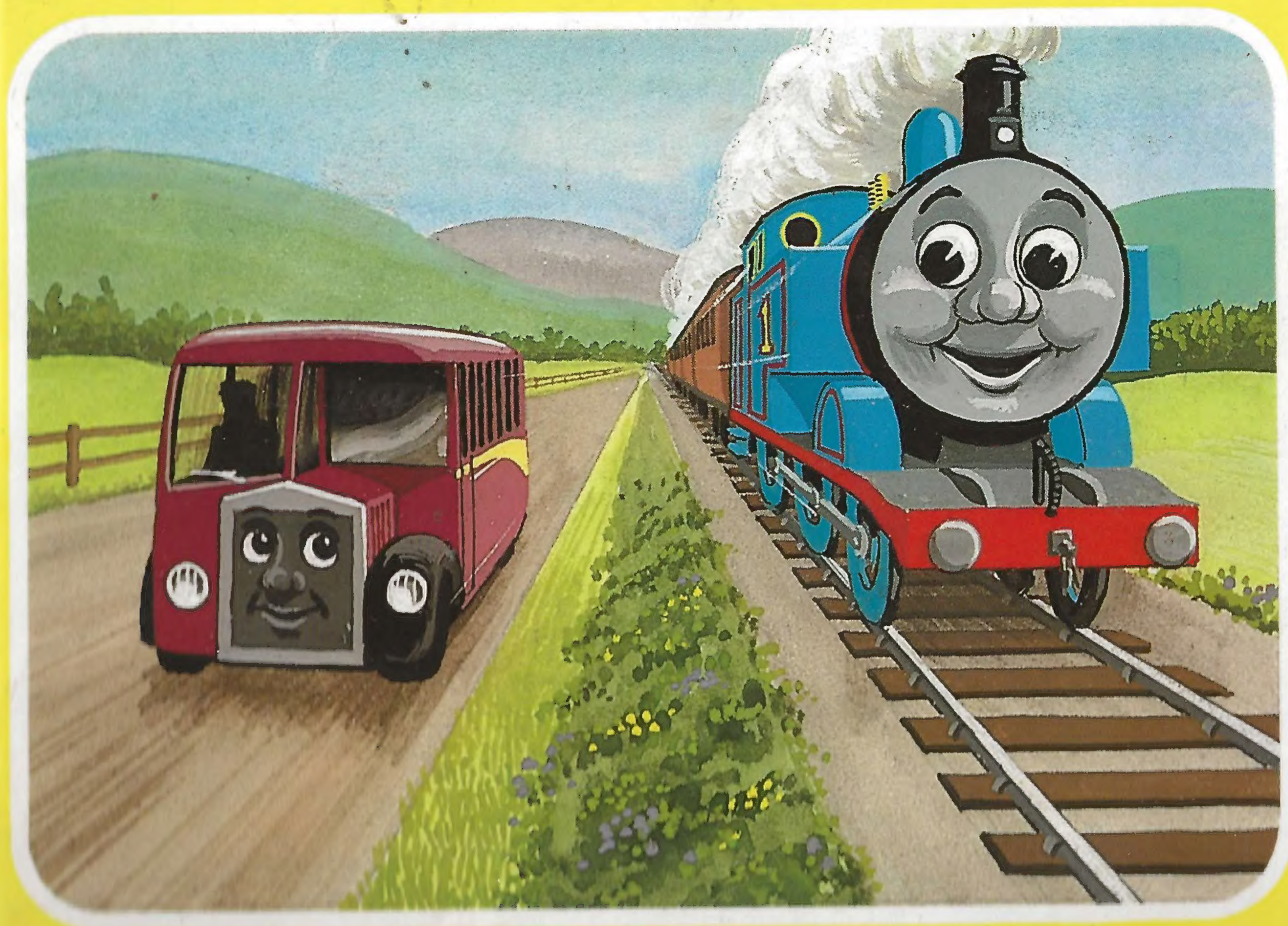


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# *Bertie the Bus and Thomas the Tank Engine*

A POP-UP BOOK





Thomas was waiting at the station one day when Bertie bus came into the yard.

“Hello Thomas,” he tooted.

“I’ve come to help you with your passengers.”

“I don’t need help!” said Thomas crossly. “I can go faster than you.”

“You can’t.”

“I can.”





"I'll race you," said Bertie.  
Their drivers agreed and they started.  
Thomas didn't hurry at first and Bertie shot  
ahead.

Thomas didn't mind that; he  
remembered the Level Crossing.  
Sure enough, Bertie was held at  
the gates, while Thomas puffed  
gaily through!  
"Goodbye, Bertie," he whistled.

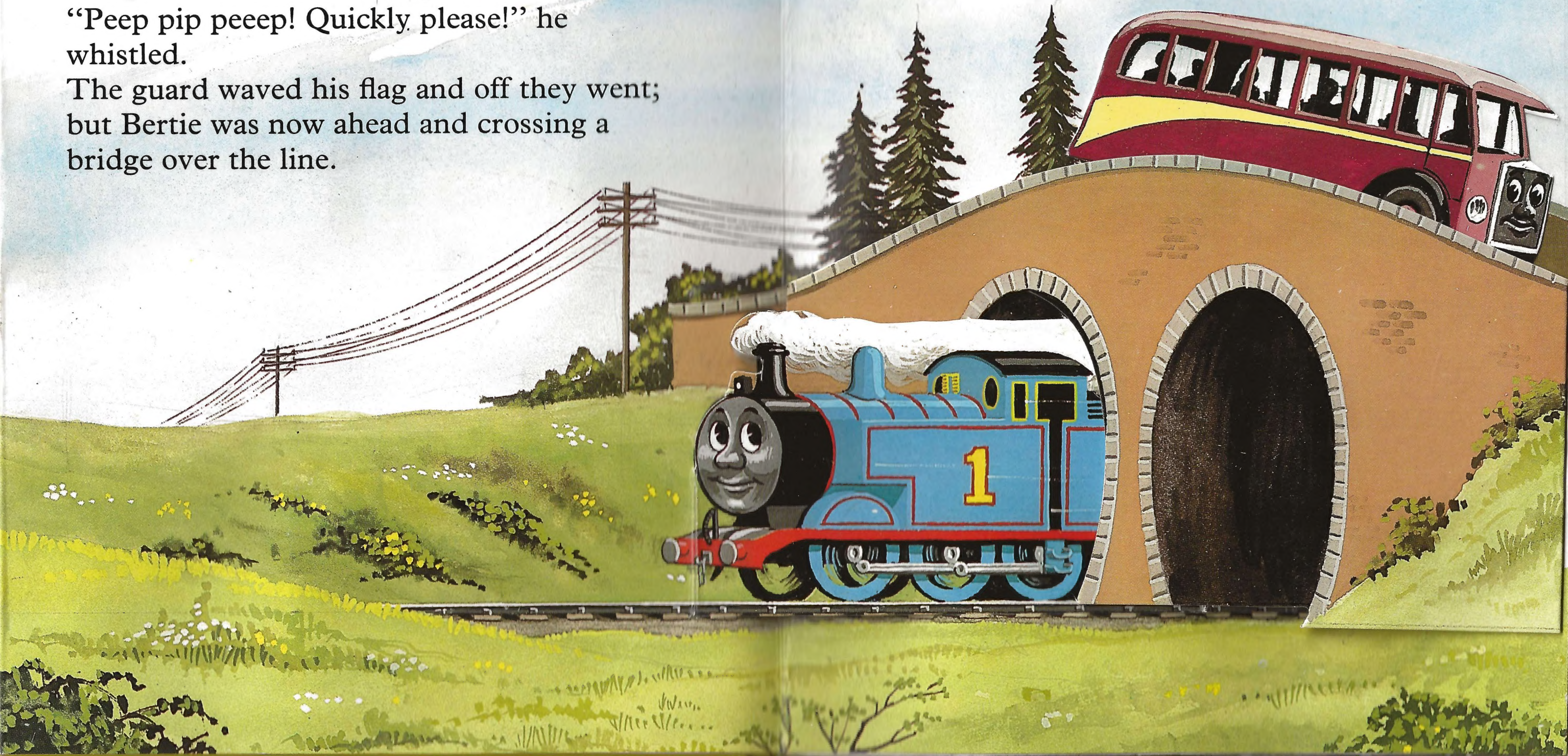




The road now left the railway to go through a village. Thomas had to stop at the station.

“Peep pip peep! Quickly please!” he whistled.

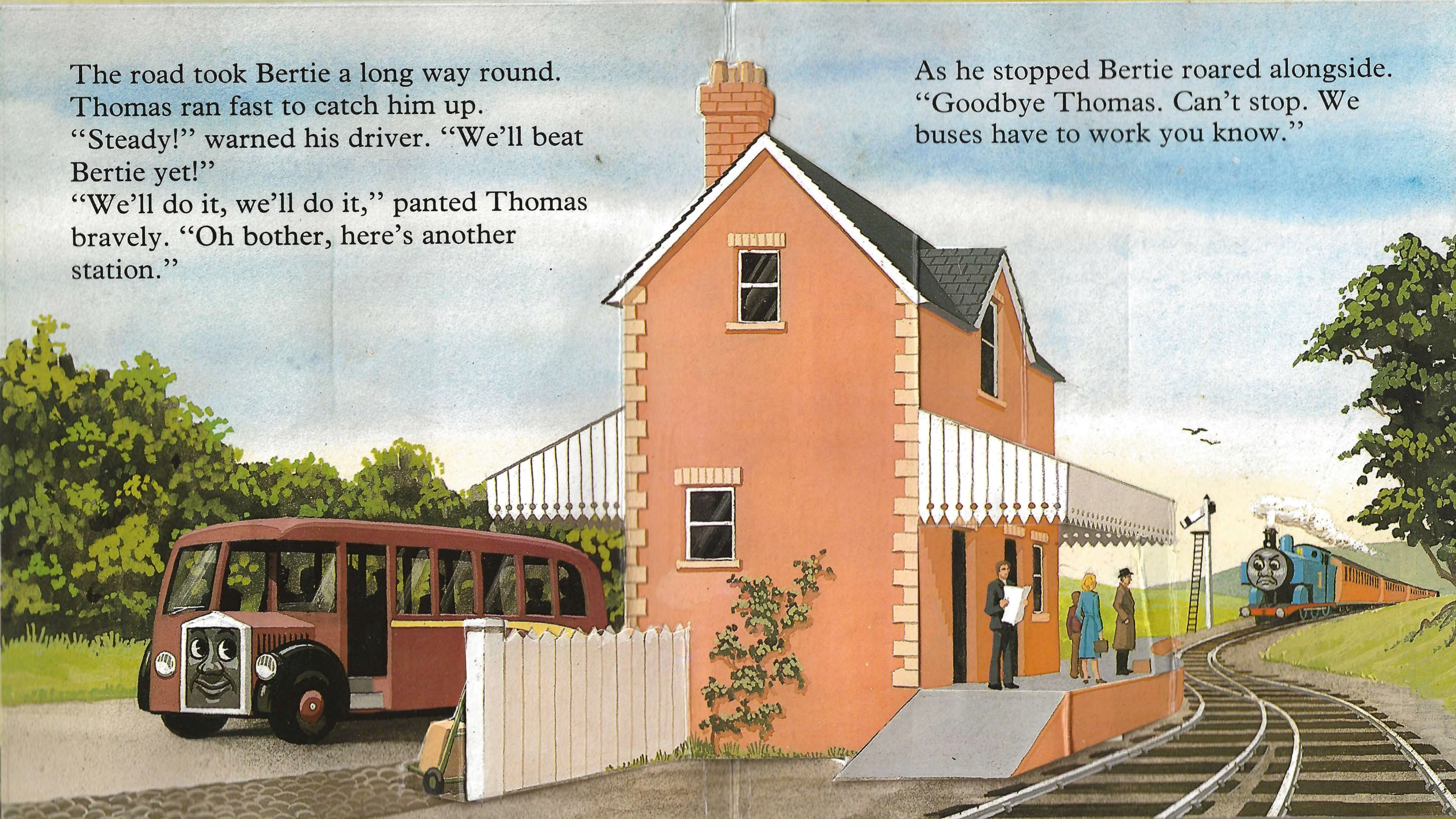
The guard waved his flag and off they went; but Bertie was now ahead and crossing a bridge over the line.





The road took Bertie a long way round.  
Thomas ran fast to catch him up.  
“Steady!” warned his driver. “We’ll beat Bertie yet!”  
“We’ll do it, we’ll do it,” panted Thomas bravely. “Oh bother, here’s another station.”

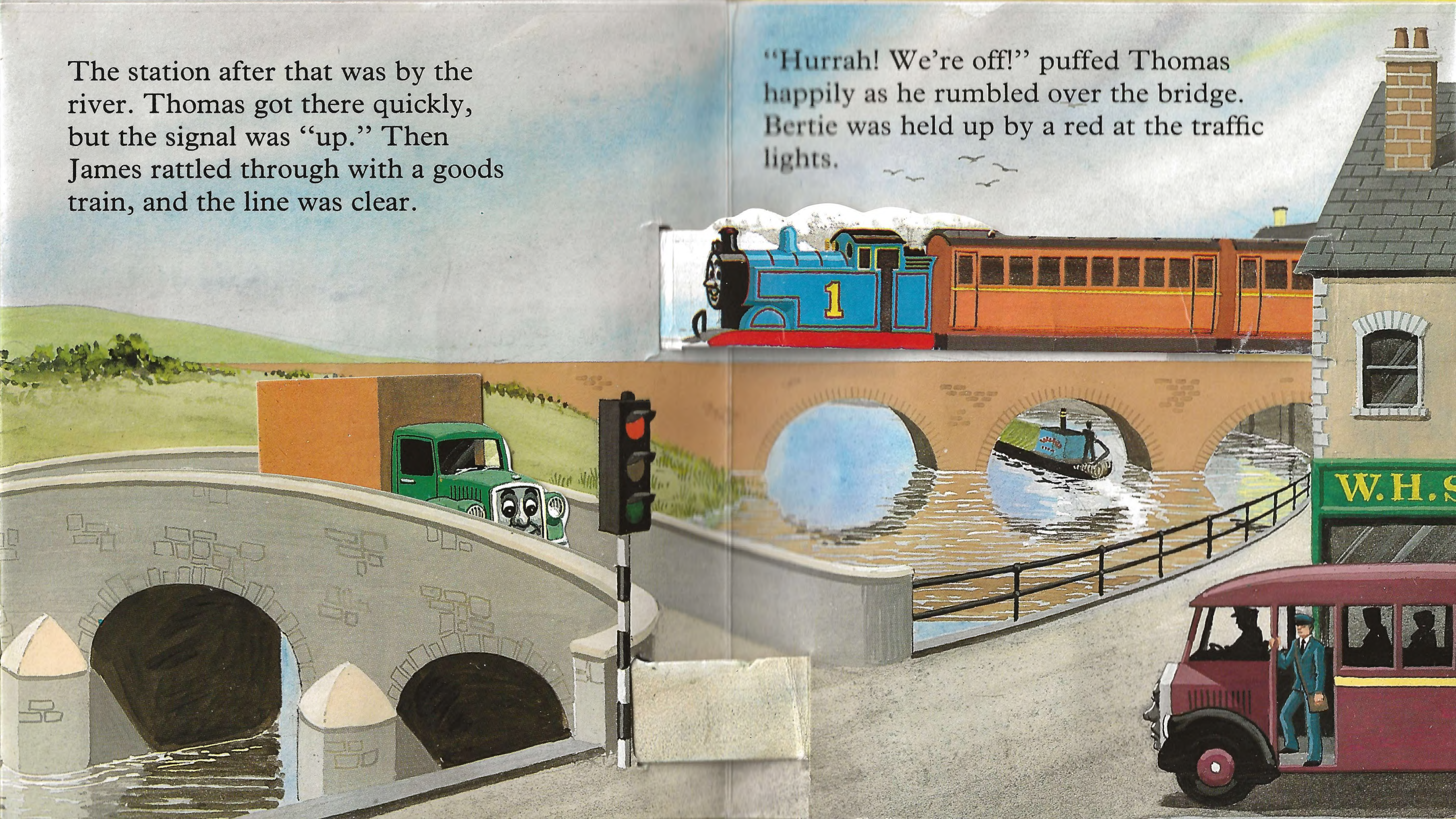
As he stopped Bertie roared alongside.  
“Goodbye Thomas. Can’t stop. We buses have to work you know.”





The station after that was by the river. Thomas got there quickly, but the signal was “up.” Then James rattled through with a goods train, and the line was clear.

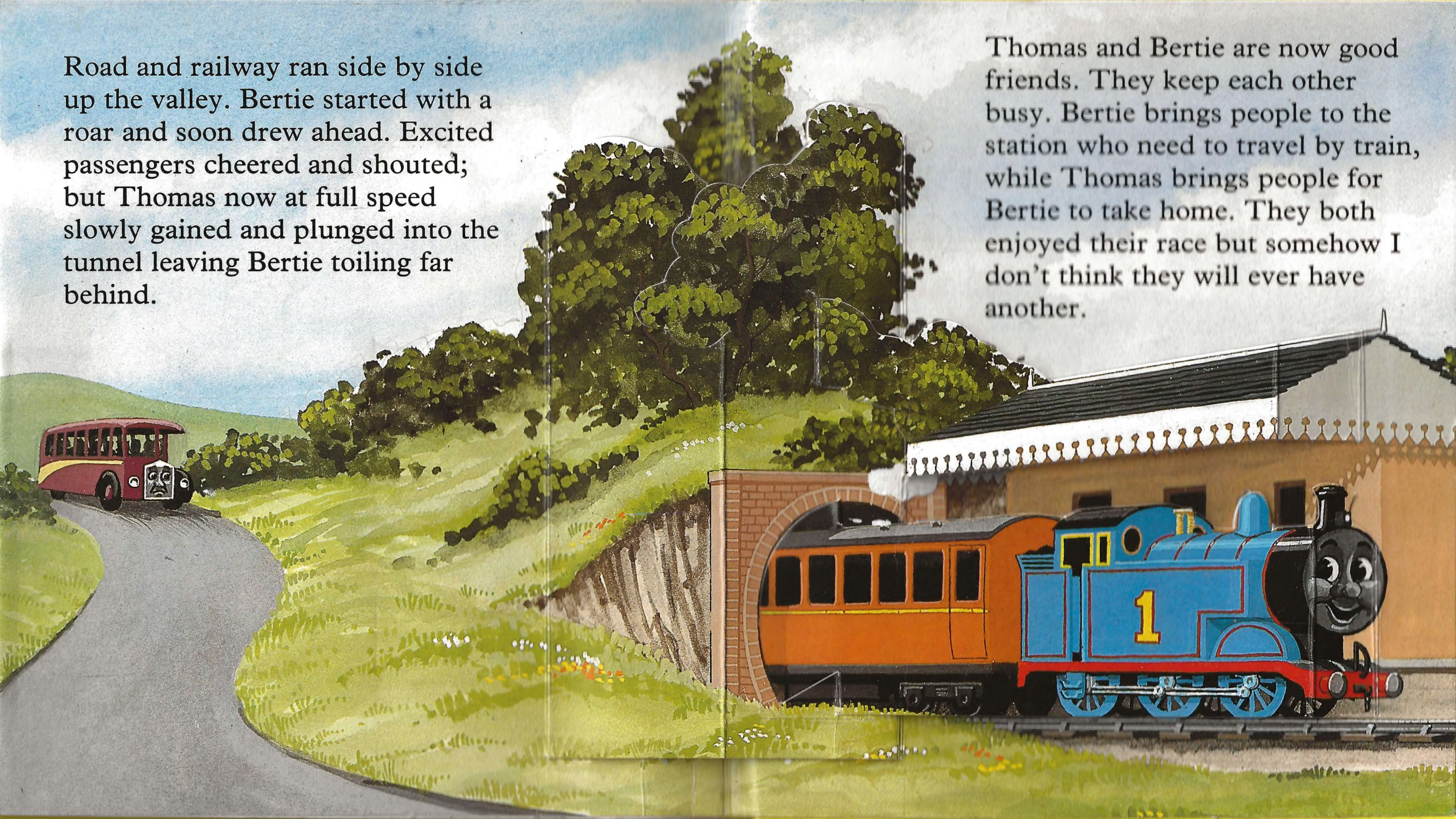
“Hurrah! We’re off!” puffed Thomas happily as he rumbled over the bridge. Bertie was held up by a red at the traffic lights.



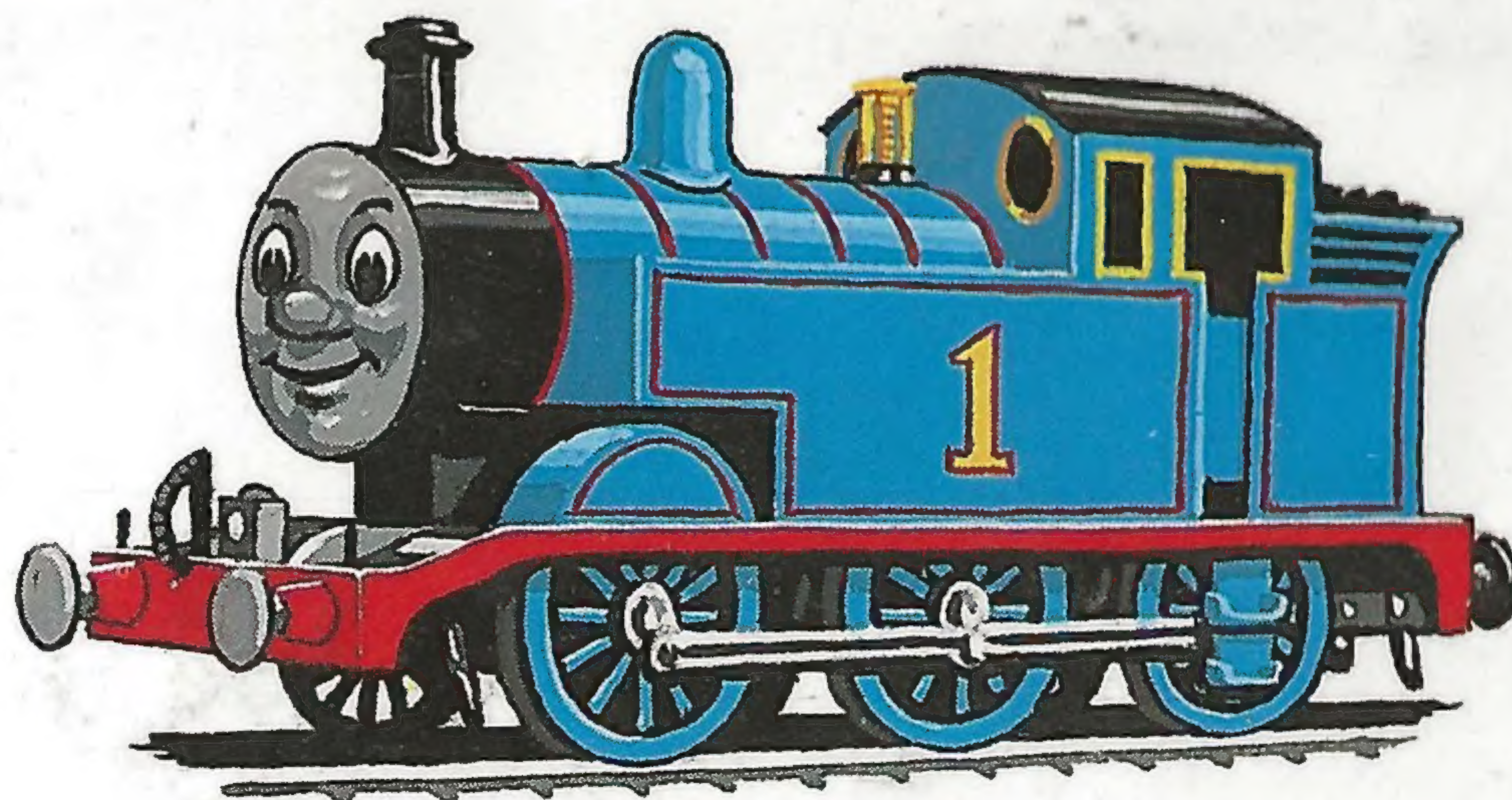


Road and railway ran side by side up the valley. Bertie started with a roar and soon drew ahead. Excited passengers cheered and shouted; but Thomas now at full speed slowly gained and plunged into the tunnel leaving Bertie toiling far behind.

Thomas and Bertie are now good friends. They keep each other busy. Bertie brings people to the station who need to travel by train, while Thomas brings people for Bertie to take home. They both enjoyed their race but somehow I don't think they will ever have another.







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